

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

March 27, 1958
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Miller presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Long, Palmer, White, Mayor Miller
Absent: Councilman Pearson

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Dudley Fowler, Assistant City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works.

Invocation was delivered by REV. LAWRENCE BASH, University Christian Church, 2007 University Avenue.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of March 20, 1958, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Pearson

MR. SAM BRIGHT, U.T. Cowboys, appeared before the Council requesting permission to have a Parade on Wednesday following Easter and preceding their Minstrel Show, the proceeds from which go to the Austin Council for Retarded Children. Councilman Long moved that permission for the parade be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Pearson

DR. T. E. DODD, Men's Garden Club, invited the Council to the opening of the Flower Show, Saturday, April 12, 1958, 2:00 P.M. at the Coliseum. The Mayor read the Proclamation setting aside "Living With Flowers Week."

MR. C. E. SANDERSON and a group appeared petitioning the Council for relief from heavy gravel trucks using Allandale Road, and for the repair of

Allandale Road to its original condition before the trucks started using this Road as their route. He protested the marking of Allandale Road as a Farm to Market Road and asked that it be rerouted. His protest included the speeding of the trucks and the fact they started operations at 6:40 in the morning until late at nights everyday including Sunday. MRS. CALLOWAY, REV. NORMAN CARLSON, MRS. KRUEGER, MRS. GRANT, MR. ELDRIDGE, MR. OSCAR SCHUTT, and MR. K. C. MILLER protested the use of Allandale by these heavy trucks stating there was much speeding; the trucks were noisy, and the whole operation was dangerous as the stone sometime fell off; the value of their property had decreased due to this heavy traffic. MRS. COX, 5903 Nasco Drive, and MR. W. T. LAUGHLIN, 5900 Woodrow, complained of the torn up pavement and the danger to the children. MR. JACK PEARCE, Texas Crushed Stone, offered his cooperation in the matter, and stated these were not trucks from this company, and listed the many places the stone was being used. The Mayor asked him to get up some figures on how many trucks a day were going to Bergstrom Field; just how much goes out of the plant and what percent goes down Allandale Road. The Mayor then stated that when those figures were in, a survey could be made to see what alternate routes could be taken for delivering this rock; that the area will be patrolled and the speeders taken in; that traffic studies will be made, and whatever is found necessary will be taken care of. He stated the requests for stop signs on Allandale would also be considered. As to the paving, the Mayor had estimates on paving this thoroughfare, and explained the city's increased participation in the paving at this time. The group was asked to get petitions in for paving; and at this time the heavier type of pavement would be used. The Mayor asked the group to appoint Mr. Sanderson and two others to serve as a committee and to keep in contact with the City as to its progress.

Councilman Palmer introduced the following ordinance and moved that it be published in accordance with Article 1, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Austin:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 16.47 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING 2.67 ACRES OF UN-PLATTED LAND OUT OF AND A PART OF THE ISAAC DECKER LEAGUE, AND ALL OF THAT CERTAIN 13.80 ACRES OF LAND KNOWN AS ALAMO HEIGHTS SECTION 1, A SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF THE ISAAC DECKER LEAGUE, IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Pearson

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Palmer moved that the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Pearson

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PERPETUALLY VACATING AND CLOSING THAT CERTAIN ALLEY EXTENDING FROM THE NORTHERLY PROLONGATION OF THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1, BLOCK 6, OF BOULEVARD HEIGHTS, SAME BEING THE EAST LINE OF WAYSIDE DRIVE, FORMERLY KNOWN AS POSSUM TROT, TO THE NORTHERLY PROLONGATION OF THE EAST LINE OF LOT 17, BLOCK 6, OF SAID BOULEVARD HEIGHTS, SAME BEING THE WEST LINE OF POSSUM TROT, FORMERLY KNOWN AS CENTER STREET, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Pearson

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Pearson

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Pearson

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PERPETUALLY VACATING AND CLOSING A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, KNOWN AS POSSUM TROT BUT SHOWN AS CENTER STREET ON A MAP OR PLAT OF MARLTON PLACE SECTION TWO; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The

motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Pearson

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Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Pearson

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Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Pearson

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Palmer asked if the Traffic Department could be requested to make a study of making West 10th Street one-way. The request was made by the Principal of O'Henry Junior High School.

No action was taken on the filling station site at the southwest corner of Northland Drive and Balcones Trail for G. H. BRUSH - Sinclair Refining Company, Lessee.

The Mayor thanked the fine Fire Department and fine Police Department for its work in searching for the two gentlemen who lost their lives in the lake recently. By rising vote, the Council adopted a Resolution thanking all those who took part in the activities and the Commander at the Naval Base who provided navy divers under the direction of Lt. Commander Scott; and asked that the Resolution be made a part of the official records.

The City Manager gave a report on Ebasco Company's cost of setting up the machinery to make a study of the rates of the City, and for analyzing the data. For setting up the formula, the charge would be \$1,200; for making an analysis, \$3,000. Councilman Palmer moved that the City Manager be authorized to enter into a contract with the Ebasco Company for setting up the formula for accumulating the data for the rate analysis. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Pearson

The Assistant City Manager reported that the University of Texas, in connection with the Round-up, had a Carnival with three ride concessions.

The Council agreed informally to permit the Garden Club to have a banner across the Avenue from April 1 to April 14th in connection with the Flower Show at the Coliseum--all details to be checked with the City Manager.

The Council had before it a petition asking that the City build two observation towers for use in carrying out the duties of the Ground Observer Corps of Civil Defense. Councilman White moved that this request be looked into and see what it would cost, and if the City had some land for them. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Pearson

The Council recessed until 2:30 P.M.

Recessed Meeting

2:30 P.M.

At 2:30 the Council resumed its business and took up the matter of one-way traffic on SAN ANTONIO STREET, NUECES and RIO GRANDE between 19th and 29th Streets. The Traffic Engineer explained the recommendation for one-way streets. MR. MITTAG stated as a small business operator in the area he would approve the plan as it would benefit his business, but he believed the plan was too expensive to solve the problem. He suggested prohibiting parking on the east side of Guadalupe from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. as one solution. As a business man Mr. Mittag said he would approve the plan. MR. RAYMOND RAMSEY said the plan was a must. He suggested waiting to put the plan into effect until after the University students were out of school this term. MR. JOE WELLS, presented MR. FRANK WALLING, Chairman of the Traffic Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Walling stated the Committee had approved the plan as Mr. Klapproth had outlined it, and had recommended to the Executive Committee that it be adopted. MRS. STEVENSON asked that no delay be made in getting the one-way street pattern into effect as it would be of great value to the University neighborhood. The Assistant Chief of Police endorsed the recommendation of Mr. Klapproth as it would relieve a lot of the congestion and facilitate the movement of traffic. MR. DAVID BARROW, Chairman of the Planning Commission, believed the one-way street pattern to be of great value. MR. LANDON BRADFIELD favored the one-way plan if a left turn at 24th and Guadalupe could be worked out. Councilman Long suggested putting the one-way street pattern into effect on a 90-day trial basis; and if it were requested by enough citizens at the end of that period to change it, another hearing could be called. It was stated it would take some time to actually get it into effect as some equipment has to be purchased and there would be a six to nine week delay in delivery. Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, after an engineering and traffic investigation, the City Council has found that the free flow and expeditious handling of traffic under conditions existing at the locations described below require that traffic upon such streets move only in one-way directions, such locations and streets being described as follows:

<u>STREET</u>	<u>FROM-TO</u>	<u>DIRECTION OF ONE-WAY MOVEMENT</u>
San Antonio St.	19th - 26th St.	Northbound
Nueces St.	29th - 19th St.	Southbound
Rio Grande St.	19th - 29th St.	Northbound

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to record this finding in Section 33.38 of the Traffic Register.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Pearson

This is to be effective when ready.

The Council received notice from the City Manager that the following zoning applications had been referred to the Planning Commission and set for public hearing before the Council for May 1, 1958:

SAMPSON CONNELL, SR.	1608 West 35th Street	From "A" Residence To "C" Commercial
JOHN RIVAS	2501 Diaz and 625-27 Pedernales	From "D" Industrial To "C-1" Commercial
MRS. ARNOLD HERNANDEZ	609 Henderson Street	From "B" Residence To "LR" Local Retail
MAX STARCKE	6315-21 Burnet Road	From "C" Commercial To "C-1" Commercial
J. H. HAUSENFLUKE	4408-12 Lamar Boulevard	From "C" Commercial To "C-1" Commercial
DAN STATHOS	5349-5353 Burnet Road	From "C" Commercial & "A" Residence To "C-1" Commercial
EDWARD JOSEPH	707-09 Nelray	From "A" Residence To "B" Residence
LOUIS M. BONUGLI	2000 LaCasa Drive 2500-2506 South Lamar 2001 Montclair Street	From "A" Residence To "GR" General Re- tail

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 4:00 P.M., subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Tom Miller
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elaine Theosley
City Clerk